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1. Employees of the VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen have been told that the Paris agreement, whose ratification is only a question of time, and West German rearmament may result in war. Production efforts, they were urged, must therefore be increased.
2. The production of radio tubes for home receivers may be reduced to 50% of the 1954 production plan. The resumption of production of metallic-ceramic tubes and of walk'e-talkie type radios is being discussed. It is not known whether these steps are in reaction to impending West German rearmament.
3. Male and female employees of military age at the plant are being registered.

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